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Father Darkleaf

By: Calvin Robinson

Greetings from Martha St. in Historic Appomattox. Being up early, am glad to see the days visibly longer and soon those who go to work early will not need to have the car headlights on. Normally, I would guess that well over half the people in our county are up before sevan a.m. What would you say? Like to watch the Sun rise? It is at 6:18 Thursday. In case you do not know which way to look, it rises somewhere East of Pamplin and sets somewhere West of Concord. There is an old saying that the early bird gets the worm. The birds may have my share of early worms. Instead I go for the morning newspapers and the mail. Well before seven, I have read Dear Abby and the sports pages. And then comes breakfast. Habits are formed rather easily. As a small lad, I got up early to visit my rabbit traps feed the horse I rode to school, stack up stove wood for the home and perform other regular chores. Living in the country, there were no opportunities to have a newspaper route, and there was no early news on radio or TV because we did not have a radio or TV. Getting up and being active makes you ready for a solid breakfast, and to this day I get over half of my daily calories at breakfast. Nor am I the only one. Driving through Appomattox's Main Street early in the morning, I see lots of cars parked near the down town eating establishments. And I wold guess it is more than a cuppa coffee. So.....the days are longer, get a good start and keep busy.

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One thing Virginia has plenty of is honeysuckle. Frances Bacon said that its flower is one that "best perfumes the air." Virginia honeysuckle is "Lonicera sempervirens" and named for the 16th century botonist, Adam Lonicer. Frankly, anyone who wants the honeysuckle on my lot can have it. Each year I spend more time fighting honeysuckle than cultivating my garden.

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Jackson and Perkins is the name of a famous rose supplier, of Medford, Oregon. I have just received a special brochure, stating that the J&P Rose of the Year is a lovely yellow named "New Day." I mention it in order to comment that the brochure was heavily scented with the smell of roses. Heavens to Betsy, my living room smelled like DC's Rose Garden.

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Many Virginia localities are named for Indian tribes or places in England. Examples: Appomattox and Norfolk. I live in one, was born in the other. I delight in studying maps. Yesterday I spent an hour looking at a detailed map of Idaho and bordering area...and such names! Squaw Creek, Riddle, Ola, Buffalo Hump, Sunbeam, Mountain Home, May, Patterson, Mud Lake, etc.

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Tossed in for free...a little boy got tired of everyone at his home getting mail, but none for him. Dad for bills, Mother got catalogs and Big Sis got love letters. So, Little Henry saved his pennies and walked up to a post office window and asked for "five cents worth of mail, please."

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Quoted from Gurney's catalog..."When saving for old age, be sure to save up a few pleasant memories."

Reminder: Over 120 highway deaths thus far in '77 in Virginia. Do not, please do not, add to this carnage.

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Ever been to a bigtime Circus? Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus is in Virginia this week. Shucks, I have never seen this one and can't go.

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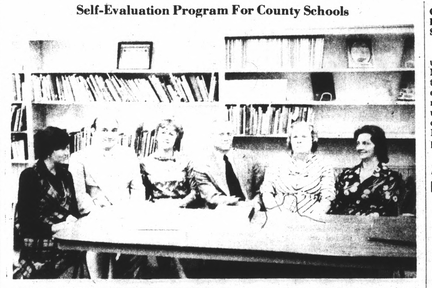
Thanks for reading. Our prayers for those on sick lists. Seeya next week.

Self-Evaluation Program For County Schools



MEETING WITH MR. SHERRILL COLEMAN. Director of Instruction, Bedford County Public Schools, are left to right, Mrs. Mary Ann Almond, Steering Committee Co-Chairperson for the Self-Evaluation; Mr. Robert Williamson, AES Principal; Mrs. Barbara Waddell, PES Principal; Mr. Coleman; Mrs. Sadie Brightwell, and Mrs. Nancy Dickerson, Steering Committee Co-Chairpersons for Pamplin Elementary School.

MRS. CAROLYN COLEMAN. Steering Committee Co-Chairperson of the Self-Evaluation for Appomattox Primary and Appomattox Elementary Schools, discusses the self-evaluation report with Mr. Sherrill Coleman, Director of Instruction, Bedford County Public Schools and Mrs. Margaret Moss, Assistant State Supervisor of Elemenary Education, State Department of Education in preparation for evaluation committees who will work in the school system on March 28-31. Mrs. Moss has served as consultant for the self-evaluation program in which the schools have been involved during the past three years. Mr. Coleman will serve as coordinator of committees that will visit in the schools on March 28-31. The committees will review the self-evaluation reports and make recommendations to the schools to assist in the achievement of goals to benefit the youth of the county.

Claude W. Anderson Announces Candidacy For ReElection

Claude W. Anderson, incumbent member of the House of Delegates from 27th District, has announced his candidacy for re election subject to the Democratic Primary, June 14. This will be the sixth term for Mr. Anderson, having been elected in 1967. He represents the counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, and Prince Edward, the largest geographical area of any House District in Virginia. Larger than the state of Delaware, Mr. Anderson said.

A native of Buckingham County, graduate of the University of Richmond, and T. C. Williams School fo Law of the University of Richmond, he has practiced law in Buckingham since 1960.

He served in the Army Reserve 20 years retiring in 1975 with rank of Major.

He is active in community organizations, a member of Bethel Methodist church, teaches Youth Bible class and a lay leder in Farmville District. He is a Past President of the Lions Club, and Buckingham Ruritan Club, member of Buckingham Masonic Lodge and serves as Chairman of the Board Bank of Buckingham.

He serves on five important committees of the Legislature, chairman of Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources, third ranking member of House Finance Committee, senior member of Privilege and elections Committee, Member of County, Cities and Towns Committee, Militia and Police Committee, Chairman of subcommittee on Compensation for Law Enforcement Officers, sub-committee for Youth Offenders of State Crime Commission, vice chairman of Mine and Safety Committee and Election Law Study Commission.

He and his wife, Mrs. Nancy Day Anderson and their four sons, Woody, Raymond, Morgan and Peyton live at Andersonville, Va.

Mr. Anderson is the only announced candidate to succeed himself.

Career Assembly At ACHS Features Free Lance Artist

The Career Council of Appomattox County High School and the Art Department presented the free-lance artist, Ms. Helen Stokes and her assistant, Ms. Kazuko Kadota, at the monthly career assembly Ms. Stokes is a free lance artist whose area of specialization is restoration and painting. The emphasis in her presentation was the proper procedure to follow in restoring paintings. One of the artist's original restorations was approximately 400 years old. Students who are interested in a career in art, restorations is a specialized area to explore. Two restorations and an riginal painting by Ms. Stokes were used in the lecture.

Ms. Helen Stokes is a native of Cologne, Germany. She attended art school in Cologne and studied privately unde Professor Rueger of Dresden

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Crumbs For Thought

BY: ZEKE

Love of our fellowman is the primary teaching of Christ. It is the lone ingredient which without a Christian just doesn't "tick". Without love one cannot be a Christian. Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. Christ gave unto us that which is referred to as the "Eleventh Commandment". What does it deal with? LOVE of course.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another. John 13:24

Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for children who will enter school in September of 1977 will be held at Appomattox Primary School and Pamplin Elementary Schoo on Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11, 1977. You may register your child at the school in your attendance area on either date between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Preschool physical examinations for children are required by law.

Kindergarten children may be admitted to the kindergarten program for 1977-78 who reach their fifth birthday on or before December 31, 1976.

First Grade children may be admitted to the first grade for 1977-78 who have reached their sixth birthday on or before December 31, 1977.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES SET FOR APRIL 4 - 8

New Hope Baptist Church, Liberty Baptist Church, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Memorial United Methodist Church, and Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church will hold Holy Week Services at the Presbyterian Church beginning at noon on April 4th and continuing through April 8th.

Services will begin at 12:10 each day and will last twenty minutes. A light lunch will be served by the ladies of the five churches following the service.

BASKETBALL BANQUET SET FOR MARCH 15th

A Basketball Banquet for Boys and Girls Varsity teams will be held Tuesday night at Appomattox County High School cafeteria at 6:30 P.M. The banquet is open to the public at a cost of $3.00 per plate. Reservations are not necessary.

Vern Canfield, head basketball coach at Washington & Lee University, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

The program will also include the awarding of letters and trophies to players.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE OFFICE TO OPEN SATURDAYS

Commissioner of the Revenue for Appomattox County, Monte Mays, has announced that his office will be open on each Saturday during the month of March from 9 a.m. until noon in order to assist citizens with filing their State Income taxes and personal property taxes.

A.A. Meetings Each Tuesday

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in St. Annes Episcopal Church on Oakleigh Avenue in Appomattox.

Anyone interested in the problem of alcoholism is welcome. For more information call 248-6352.

54 Calls Answered By Local Rescue Squad

During the month of February volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 54 emergency calls.

In responding to these calls, 12 persons were monitored on the EKG machine en route to the hospital, 4 others required oxygen and 7 persons were given first aid following 6 automobile accidents.

A total of 240 3/4 manhours were given in answering the 54 calls during the 28-day month and members traveled a total of 2627 miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: breathing difficulty, 1; illnesses, 13; heart attacks, 8; transports by doctors request, 7; wrecks, 6; overdose, 1; fights, 1; strokes, 2; heart failure, 1; nose bleed, 1; chest pains, 5; drunks, 2, broken bones, 1; back injury, 1; industrial injury, 1; test drive, 1; and 1 for maternity.

In addition to the emergency calls, eleven hours were spent by members giving CPR demonstration and first aid demonstration.

Primary School P-TA To Hear Lynchbury Psychiatrist

Dr. W. D. Richards, Lynchburg psychiatrist specializing in the area of family therapy, will be the guest speaker at the Appomattox Primary School P-Ta meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 8:00 P.M. at the school. Dr. Richards will speak on "Parenting: Instinctual or Learned?" This topic is in contrast to the topic of "Parent Effectiveness Training" as reported in last week's TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

Dr. Richards is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and was reared in Richmond, Va. He attended Richmond public schools and took his undergraduate training at the Medical College of Virginia and the University of North Carolina. His medical training was at the Medical University of South Carolina at Charleston S. C. from which he was graduated in 1948. Dr. Richards served one year as rotating intern at Bridgeport Hospital in Bridgeport, Connecticut and entered practice in Charleston, S. . Dr. Richards served for two years as a medical officer both in Charleston and Guam, Marianas Islands. He has also engaged in industrial medicine with E. I. DuPont DeNemours in Richmond for a period of 2 years, 1964-67. Dr. Richards returned to the Medical College of Virginia for a three year residency in psychiatry after which he came to Lynchburg where he has practiced psychiatry for the past 10 years. Dr. Richards is married and has 2 daughters.

Registration For Baseball Deadline

Final registration date for sign-up for baseball will be held Saturday, March 12th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Fidelity American Bank, Hillcrest Branch.

The Appomattox Youth Association is planning to sponsor four Babe Ruth teams this year. All games will be played locally. All boys ages 13 through 15 are encouraged to register in order to have the four teams planned.

A registration form can be found on another page in this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

County Decals Now On Sale

Appomattox County automobile and motorcycle decals went on sale March 1st and must be purchased not later than March 31st, according to an announcement from Mrs. Ida H. Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County.

You must bring valid registration card with you to the Treasurer's Office in order to purchase your decal.

All motor vehicles and motorcycles must have a county decal. The deadline for purchasing the decals is March 31st.

For the convenience of the citizens of the county, the Treasurer's Office will be open Saturday, March 19th and Saturday, March 26th from 9 a.m. until noon.

Better Education Pays Off Locally

To what extent does a better education pay off, in dollars and cents, for the average Appomattox County resident?

How much is it worth, in current and lifetime earnings, to go through high school and college?

That is the subject of much debate these days. Some contend that the economic advantage that well-educated people enjoyed for many years over the less-educated has been declining and is well below what it was a decade ago.

According to Harvard economist Richard B. Freeman, college graduates no longer have as large an edge in income over high school graduates as they had then. The difference is down considerably, he finds, and their job prospects, also, are less certain than before.

Other studies, however, maintain that a good education continues to be very worthwhile financially, but do not deny that job probelms are greater than in the past.

On the basis of national data compiled by the Department of Commerce, it appears that the average man in Appomattox County who has had four years of college can look forward to making about 58 percent more money during his working career than a local high school grad.

Similarly, local men who have completed four years of high school have the prospect of earning 39 percent more duing their lifetime than elementary school graduates.

These are averages, it is pointed out, and do not apply to every individual. Some people with meager educational backgrounds earn more than many college graduates.

On an annual basis, figures recently released by the Department of Commerce, covering the entire male working population, show that the median income of college graduates is $4,850 a year above that of high school graduates and $10,000 above the earnings of elementary school grads.

The latest figures indicate that Appomattox County residents are presently getting a median of 9.6 years of schooling, which is more than they were getting formerly. In 1960 it was 8.0

Of the local population over age 25, 28.9 percent are high school graduates and 4.3 percent college grads.

Named Chief Of Dental Services Branch

Dr. Edward D. Wooldridge

Dr. Edward D. Wooldridge of New York reported for duty to the U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C. on March 7th when he assumed duties as Chief of Dental Services Branch.

Wooldridge graduated from Pamplin High School, received his B. S. degree from Lynchburg College in 1953 and his D. D. S. from the Medical College of Virginia in 1957.

He is a member of various dental organizations and a Fellow in the New York Academy of Dentistry, Fellow in the American College of Dentists, and a Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Wooldridge is widely known throughout our area and we congratulate him on this promotion.

Tags Now On Sale

Motor vehicle tags for the Town of Appomattox are on sale now through March 31.

To purchase your tags, you must bring valid registration card and your Personal Property taxes must have been paid prior to purchasing tags.

For the convenience of the citizens of Appomattox, the Town Office will be open on Saturdays during the month of March ONLY from 9 a.m. until noon.

Lions Club Will Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 P.M. at Maudes Restaurant.

Tom Morgan, Central District Scout Executive, will make a slide presentation of scout activities in the Central District and the Blue Ridge Mountain Council.

The local Lions Club is the sponsoring organization for Boy Scout Troop 546 in Appomattox

The program will be of interest to every member so make plans to be present.

AS A PART OF STEP ONE IN THE DOWNTOWN APPOMATTOX Redevelopment Project, Lee Street is seen completely "torn up". A phrase of the project now underway is the installing of storm drains, catch basins and the complete reconstruction of Lee Street from Main Street as far up as necessary to solve drainage problems that have in the past caused flooding. The completion of the new parking area on the site of the old Appomattox Hotel that has been demolished is included in this step of the project. Completion date has been set for the last of May.

ACHS SENIORS TO SPONSOR SENIOR - FACULTY BASKETBALL GAME

The Senior Class of Appomattox County High School will sponsor a Senior-Faculty Basketball game. It will be held in the ACHS gym on March 18th, Friday, at 6:30 P.M.

Admission will be $1.00 per student, $1.50 for adults. This is one of the fund raising activities the Senior Class will be involved in to make money for the Senior trip and other class functions.

They need support from the community, so please come out on Friday the 18th and see who will be the winner in this game and help the Senior Class at the same time.